

work and dedication. I join her family, friends, and the community of Calvert in celebrating this momentous occasion. I wish her more years of happiness, fulfillment, and health.

Congratulations to Ms. Parish on her centennial birthday milestone. I am honored to represent citizens like her in the 17th District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHADY BROOK

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the Rotary Club's motto—Service Above Self—is personified by its membership and the causes they support. The Rotary Club of Shady Brook is acknowledged as a major, local contributor over the past 10 years for raising more than \$100,000 for worthy causes and donating over 7,500 hours of members' time. The Rotary Club is further distinguished by a membership with an average age of 75 years, coupled with a lifetime of experience and skills generously shared with many benefactors. The list is endless and inspiring and includes medical research and prevention programs, meal delivery to patients, forums for veterans and their families, time and money to the Guardians of the National Cemetery at Washington Crossing, the National Guard, books for libraries, clothing and school supplies for poverty-stricken children, and participating in Pennsylvania's Adopt-a-Highway maintenance program. Heartiest congratulations on the 10th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Shady Brook, and thank you to the founders and members for outstanding contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPT. WILL CANNON AND CAPT. JONATHAN MAULDEN

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Capt. Will Cannon and Capt. Jonathan Maulden of Cabarrus County EMS who took home the top prize at the 2016 Carolina's Paramedic Competition in Greenville, SC on October 15, 2016. The duo of Cannon and Maulden faced eleven other teams from North Carolina and South Carolina as they competed in two medical emergency scenarios.

Established in 1997, the Carolina Competition pits the best of the best EMS teams against each other as they showcase their ability to respond to complex scenarios. As the competition has grown, the teams have gotten stronger and the competition has been recognized as the gold standard for these types of first responder events. This year's contest was no exception, making Cannon and Maulden's victory even more impressive.

By winning this year's competition, Capts. Cannon and Maulden are taking home their second top prize having already won in 2014.

This also marks the third occasion when a team from Cabarrus County EMS has won the event. Capt. Cannon and Capt. Maulden have made their department proud and are extremely deserving of this recognition. I am extremely grateful that our community is fortunate enough to have such great public servants who truly excel in their fields.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Capt. Will Cannon and Capt. Jonathan Maulden on winning this impressive distinction and wishing them well as they continue to serve the people of Cabarrus County.

RECOGNIZING ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL'S CENTENNIAL

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral and the occasion of their centennial celebration.

In 1916, Greek immigrants arriving to the Lehigh Valley integrated themselves into the fabric of American life through employment in many industries, including Bethlehem Steel and other local businesses. At the same time, these early immigrants recognized a need to preserve their religion, language, and customs. Accordingly, they purchased the former St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Bethlehem and established their own church. By the 1930s, their community was growing, and families began to settle permanently in the area.

While World War II disrupted the lives of many families within the congregation, its young members returned home upon its resolution to enter the workforce in professions such as teachers, engineers, doctors, lawyers, or within their family businesses. Due to this successful growth, the community realized that it would need a larger place of worship to accommodate their expanding families.

In 1962, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral moved to its new location at 1607 West Union Boulevard in Bethlehem where it remains to this day. With this move, the congregation also constructed a new school and auditorium. Continued growth through the 1990s necessitated the hiring of a second full time priest to meet the needs of their members. Today, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral continues to embrace the surrounding community through Greek food festivals, picnics, and other exciting events.

As St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral reflects upon its impressive accomplishments of the last century, I wish them all the best as they look forward to serving their community in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN- NIVERSARY OF RELLES FLORIST

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Relles Florist, which has served the

Sacramento region for the past 70 years. As family and friends gather to celebrate its 70th anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Relles Florist's contributions to the Sacramento community.

In 1946, Ross and Margaret Relles created a family business that quickly became a Sacramento icon and a cornerstone of the Sacramento business community. As anyone who has shopped there knows, Relles is legendary for creating beautiful floral arrangements that are, quite simply, works of art. Its flowers have helped mark major life events for generations of Sacramentans. The business's success is a testament to the quality of its flowers, the industriousness of its employees, and the dedication the Relles family has to its craft.

Relles is also an important fixture in Sacramento's local community. The President of Relles Florist, Jim Relles, lends his skills and expertise to numerous boards and community organizations. Jim's community service includes stints on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Rotary Club and of the California State University, Sacramento Alumni Association. Jim was also President of the California State Floral Association and President of the Sacramento Host Lions Club. His leadership is a big reason why Relles Florist has enjoyed so much success.

As a family-owned business, Relles Florist knows first-hand the importance of family and community in achieving commercial prosperity. Mr. Speaker, as the Relles family celebrates seventy years of accomplishments and contributions to our Sacramento community, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,805,366,357,023.77. We've added \$9,178,489,308,110.69 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I missed a vote during a vote series on September 28, 2016. Had my vote been recorded for Roll Call 572, final passage on H.R. 5303, the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, I would have voted YES.